

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 563
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Tennessee Lions Club for their generous contributions to the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Lions Club members comprise one such remarkable group of public servants, a voice of integrity in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club contributions to the Tennessee headquarters of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in Oak Ridge exceeded the \$500,000 mark in 1997; and

WHEREAS, originally called the Recording for the Blind, the national organization was started after World War II to record textbooks to help GI's blinded during the war continue their education; and

WHEREAS, two members of the Physics Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the late Tony Pleasanton and Bob Kernohan, spearheaded efforts in 1952 to establish Oak Ridge as one of the group's first satellite units; and

WHEREAS, during a national convention in 1927, Helen Kellar challenged club members to become 'Knights of the Blind', and since 1960 the Tennessee Lions Club has increasingly made generous contributions as 'Knights of the Blind'; and

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WHEREAS, described by Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Chairman Chuck Romine as their “staunchest supporter”, last year the Tennessee Lions Club contributed nearly a quarter of the organization’s total annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Lions Club members are perfect examples of persons totally committed to their communities and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we commend and recognize the Tennessee Lions Club for their generosity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.